

Death of Lewis W. Elliott.

Our community was startled on Wednesday evening last by the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Lewis W. Elliott, which occurred at his residence shortly before five o'clock. By this death Peabody loses one of its best known and most estimable citizens, and one of its representative business men. And the nearer circles of kindred and friendship suffer a loss, the greatness of which they only can understand.

Mr. Elliott was a native of Peabody. Here he received his education and business training; and he was identified with its interests through his whole life, as were his fathers before him. His record of business integrity and personal honor reflects credit upon the place of his birth; and such methods of business as his have given enviable rank to our town in the commercial world.

In the year 1841, at the early age of twenty-two, he commenced business for himself, having learned his trade by a regular apprenticeship to Mr. Abel Proctor. And from that time forward, with no change or intermission, he continued in the same business, most of the time on Foster Street, until the day of his death. Both here and in Boston, where his business was partly carried on, he was widely known as a man of sterling qualities of mind and judgment and of noble character. Although peculiarly self-contained and undemonstrative, his modesty could not conceal his fine traits. He impressed himself upon all with whom he came in contact as a wise and pure man, whose clear and definite opinions were always held and expressed in charity.

His death was wholly unexpected, although he had been ill for more than two weeks. He was supposed to be recovering, but an unforeseen development of heart disease manifested itself about four o'clock on the 22d, and proved fatal in a few minutes. He was born on the 20th of Nov., 1819, and was approaching the 57th year of his age. To wife and children he leaves the inheritance of a spotless name.

His funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from his late residence on Main Street. Rev. J. W. Hudson, of the Unitarian Church, conducted the services, and notwithstanding the severity of the weather, a very large attendance gathered to participate in the last sad rites to the departed.

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